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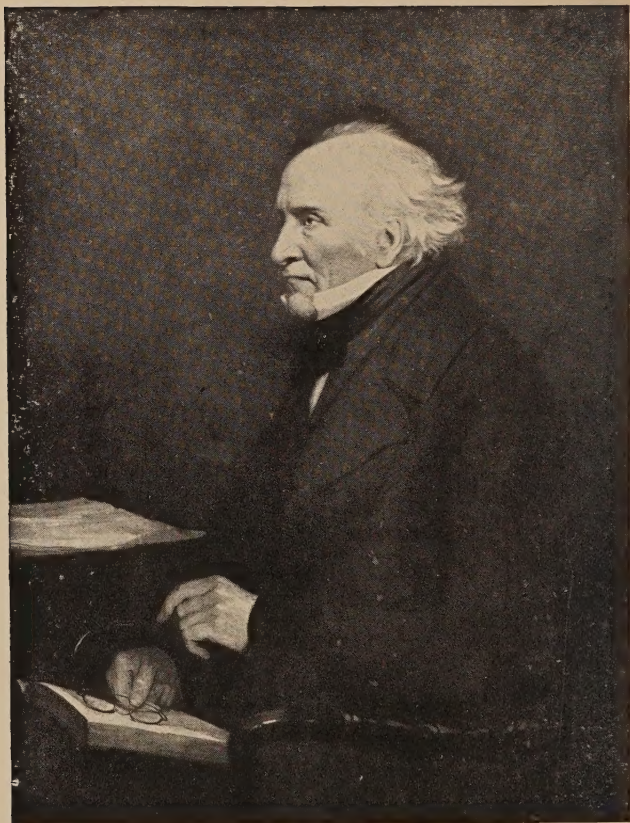
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LEWIS LOYD.

(Father of Lord Overstone.)

Student of the Presbyterian College, 1785—1789,
Assistant Classical Tutor at Manchester Academy, and
Ministerial Supply of Dob Lane Chapel, Failsworth, 1790—1792.

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Lewis Loyd.

[*B. 1 Jan., 1767, at Cwm-y-to, co. Caermarthen. Ed. Llan-y-crucys, co. Cardigan, by David Pryce, Presbyterian College, Swansea, 1785—1789, Manchester Academy, 9 Sept.—25 Dec., 1789. Assistant Classical Tutor at Manchester Academy, 1790—1792. Ministerial Supply at High Street Chapel, Shrewsbury, summer vacation, 1789,—here signs as “Lloyd”; and at Dob Lane Chapel, Failsworth, 1790—1792—[1795].* Left the ministry for banking on marriage to Sarah (d. 1 Oct., 1821), only dau. of John Jones, grocer and bill discounters, Manchester, and grand-dau. of the Rev. Joseph Mottershead, min., 1717—1771, of Cross Street Chapel there. Issue, Samuel Jones Loyd, elevated to the peerage, 1850, as Baron Overstone. Married, secondly, Miss Champion. Died 13 May, 1858, at Overstone Park, co. Northampton.*]

By the polite offices of the Rev. Kentish Bache, vicar of St. Michael and All Angels, Walford-on-Wye, this number of ANTIQUARIAN NOTES contains a portrait of

* Loyd received grants from the Presbyterian Board, annually up to Midsummer, 1795, as minister at Dob Lane.

Mr. Lewis Loyd, taken directly from the block lent by Mr. Bache for that purpose. The original portrait in oils—a canvas 3 ft. 7½ in. by 2 ft. 9½ in.—painted by Eden Upton Eddis, has been given by Mr. Joseph Noble Beasley, lately resident in the parish of Walford-on-Wye, to Manchester College, Oxford, of which Lewis Loyd was first a student, and afterwards assistant classical tutor.

Many men, of a generation now fast passing on, had had personal acquaintance with Loyd, some of them, e.g. the Rev. Kilsby Jones, had good stories to tell of him, and these not always in his favour. The Rev. Charles Lloyd, LL.D.—“Quantity Doctor”—his brilliant fellow student, has left on record how Loyd “devoted his fine talents . . . to mammon”; and his biographer† preserves the words of the tempting offer made to Loyd by his two brothers-in-law to abandon “a poor trade of preaching . . . and we will take you in as a partner.” Yet there are other equally as authentic facts which redound to the miser’s credit, for truly he rarely indulged in the luxury of giving. At Birmingham, when preaching there, in 1790, he met Dr. Priestley, of the simplicity and kindness of whose manner Loyd speaks strongly and with gratitude. The Rev. Theophilus Lindsey he likens, from his simple affectionateness, to

† *Christian Reformer*, 1858, p. 422.

the Apostle John ; and both Priestley and Lindsey, he feels convinced, will by after generations be held in the highest reverence.

A letter written by Loyd ‡ in the summer of 1790, contains the very curious confession that, notwithstanding his hearty attachment to religious truth and the cause of the Dissenters, his zeal in behalf of the ministry amongst them was rapidly cooling. He saw no prospect of an income adequate to the wants of a married man. There were, he adds, some Dissenting ministers who enjoyed affluence, but not acquired through their ministry, but by marriage with some lady possessing property. The advantage, he proceeds to hint, may be purchased at the cost of happiness—the lady might want personal charms, § or a cultivated intellect, or a pleasant temper. Then follows a prophecy—which his own after life soon fulfilled—that he should not continue many years in the ministry. This letter shows that the “severe mental struggle,” described by his biographer in the *Christian Reformer* as taking place in his mind, in 1792, between love of the ministry and wordly ambition, did not take place. It was a foregone conclusion, prior to his engagement to Sarah Jones. This letter is signed “Lewis Loyd.”

‡ See *Inquirer*, 1869, p. 276.

§ It is said that Sarah Jones, the grocer and bill discounters daughter, had a “celestial nose,” and a face heavily pox-marked.

The very year in which he writes this saw him become the ministerial supply of Dob Lane Chapel, at an income of £40 per annum; later he quitted both the tutor's chair and the congregation, having "achieved independence by marriage."

With his after career as banker this article deals not. We leave him in the dinginess and the gloom of his back parlour in Lothbury, carrying out his resolve to become, if possible, "one of the largest fundholders in the kingdom."

Gellionen Chapel.

This stone, of which a photograph is here reproduced, is evidently a portion of a wheel cross. Mr. Llwyd records that he saw, on Mynydd Gellyonen, a stone with a top like a wheel, and a base carved with a man's face and hands, and with two feet near the bottom. In Gibson's CAMDEN the same stone apparently is mentioned as having stood in the midst of a small cairn, but then thrown down, and broken in three or four pieces. It was three inches thick, two feet broad, and three feet high, with a top like a wheel.

The Rev. Thomas Rees, LL.D., who succeeded, 1805-6, his father as minister here, writing in 1810, says that "it was removed with a view of being con-



GELLIONEN CHAPEL.

CARVED STONE IN EAST WALL.

Block kindly lent by Lt. Col. W. Lt. Morgan, C.E., Treasurer, Cambrian Archaeological Association.

verted into a gate pillar; in the attempt to adapt it to that purpose the rounded head broke off, which rendered it too short; in this state it was seen by Mr. Llwyd."

It was, during the ministry, 1765—1804, of the Rev. Josiah Rees, carried to the yard of the chapel near by, and here it was long used as a horse block. In the year 1801, when the chapel was rebuilt, it was placed in its present position, on the outward face of the eastern pine end wall. Professor Westwood, in his *Lapidarium Walliæ*, has a description of this interesting piece of early carving.

A stone tablet in the wall tells us that the original chapel was

BUILT, 1692,
UNDER THE PATRONAGE
OF THE
HON. BUSSY MANSELL.

Portions of the walls of this building were incorporated with those erected in 1801.

Mansell was a man of wealth and influence, and one of the Commissioners in the Act for the Propagation of the Gospel in Wales. His son-in-law was Lord Vernon.

The register kept by the Rev. Josiah Rees is a valuable record of his long ministry. An octavo book, bound in green vellum, with two clasps, it contains—

- (a) *Names of the members at Gellionen, Jany. 1st, 1767.*
- (b) *Members and those admitted to Communion by Josiah Rees, 1767—1775.*
- (c) *Christenings since the ordination of Josiah Rees, at Gellionen, on 5th August, 1767, to 1785, when stamp duty act imposed.*
- (d) *Christenings by Thomas Rees, 30 March, 1806, to 13 July, 1814.*

Preceding the title above recited are some entries of baptisms in the hand of Josiah Rees, but performed by the Revs. William Edwards, of Coseley, and Solomon Harries, of Swansea, a short time before his ordination, when, according to the discipline of the Presbyterians, Rees became authorized to administer the ordinance.

His family entries are:—

*Owen, 2nd child of Josiah Rees, b. 5 Oct. 1770, bap.
18 Oct. by Joseph Simmons.**

*Hester, 3rd „ Do. b. 18 July, 1772, bap.
1 Augt by Solomon Harries.*

*Josiah, 4th „ Do. b. 16 July, 1773, bap.
6 Augt by David Davis [Castell Hywel].*

*Hester, 5th „ Do. b. 20 Nov. 1775, bap.
15 Dec. by Solomon Harries.*

* Min. at Gellionen from circa 1722 to probably his death, 1774.



REV. JOHN JAMES,
MINISTER OF GELLIONEN CHAPEL,
1815—1864.

<i>Thomas, 6th</i>	<i>„</i>	<i>Do.</i>	<i>b. [blank] Sept 1777,</i> <i>bap. by — Do.</i>
<i>Hannah, dau.</i>	<i>„</i>	<i>Do.</i>	<i>b. 27 Aug. 1779, bap.</i> <i>20 Sept by — Do.</i>
<i>Richard, s.</i>	<i>„</i>	<i>Do.</i>	<i>b. 4 Augt 1781, bap.</i> <i>17 Aug. by David Davis.</i>
<i>Sarah, dau.</i>	<i>„</i>	<i>Do.</i>	<i>b. 24 June, 1783, bap.</i> <i>12 July by Thos Morgan.†</i>
<i>Samuel, s.</i>	<i>„</i>	<i>Do.</i>	<i>and Mary his wife, p. of</i> <i>Llangwke, co. Glamorgan, b. 21 May, 1789, bap.</i> <i>7 June by Philip Charles.</i>

Two other documents held with this register contain baptismal entries from 1785 to December, 1798.

Rotherham :

The Old Meeting-house.

(*Part II. Concluded from p. 17*).

Josiah Townsend makes his first entry in the register on the 4th August, 1776, and his last on the 22nd July, 1787. His family entries are :—

† Librarian of Dr. Williams's Library; very friendly with Dr. Abraham Rees, whose father was minister at Mynyddbach, near to Gellionen.

Mary, dau. Josiah and Sarah Townsend, b. 21 May,
bap. 14 June, 1781, by Jos. Evans.*

Samuel Meredith, s. — do. — ,
b. 6 May, bap. 6 June, 1782, by —do.

William Basnett, s. — do. — ,
b. 11 Sept., bap. 7 Oct. 1783, by —do.

Elizabeth Jane, dau. — do. — ,
b. 2 Ap., bap. 4 Ap. 1787, by her father.

For information about Townsend, who married Sarah, eldest daughter of Samuel Moulton, the reader is referred to the *Monthly Repository*, 1819, pp. 512 and 717, also to *Antiq. Notes*, vol. i., p. 70.

Next in the register comes this entry :—

Mr. Townsend having resigned at Michaelmas, 1787, on account of the congregation having declined; most of the principal people returning the congregation invited Mr. Wm Allard, of Stourbridge, in Worcestershire, to take the pastoral care of them, who accepted their invitation, 9th May, 1788, and was ordained 17th July following.

* Min. 1758—1798, of Upper Chapel, Sheffield. Adopted as son, Joseph Hunter, afterwards the distinguished antiquary. Evans was "one of the last to wear a full-bottomed wig, and a cocked hat. In the house he usually wore a flowered damask gown of blue, with a black velvet cap."—Hunter's MSS. See *Antiq. Notes*, vol. i., p. 85.

Mr. Allard removed to Stockport in Cheshire in May, 1793, and was succeeded by T. O. Warwick.

William Allard's entries cover the period from the 17th August, 1788, to the 29th September, 1793. The only one concerning his family is:—

*Mary, dau. William and Susan Allard, b. Rotherham,
15th Sept., bap. 29th Sept. 1793 by W. Allard.*

His resignation is thus recorded:—

The Rev. W. Allard resigned 12 May, 1793.

Biographical data about him are given in the *Record of the Provincial Assembly*, 1896, p. 29.

Thomas Oliver Warwick makes many entries from the 23rd August, 1793, to the 6th October, 1816. It seems probable that the year 1793 was that of the beginning of his ministry here; but both the *Record*, p. 52, and the *Historical Account of Dukinfield Chapel*, Alx. Gordon, 1896, p. 70, give the date as 1795. Here are preserved for us particulars of five of his children:—

*Thomas Shirley, s. T. O. and Mary Warwick, b. 17
Dec. 1804, bap. 22 Augt 1805 by Wm. Severn.†*

*Samuel Moulton, s. — do. — ,
b. 21 Feb., bap. 2 July, 1807, by John
Williams, of Halifax.*

† Min. New Meeting, Kidderminster, 1797—1806.

Mary Aldred, dau. — do. — ,
b. 22 Dec. 1809, bap. 12 Jan. 1810, — do

John Alfred, s. — do. — ,
b. 29 Feb., bap. 3 July, 1812, — do.

Emma Elizabeth, dau. — do. — ,
b. 7 Sep. 1815, bap. 26 July, 1816, — do.

The eldest child was Rebecca Wyld (d. 1875, æt. 73),
 who married Henry Ames.†

The next entry of note is :—

Dr. Warwick resigned, Sept 1816.

The last minister to enter is Jacob Brettell, whose name is attached to the baptisms from the 26th May, 1817, to the last in the volumes on the 26th June, 1836, when he deposited them with the Government. The baptisms—by Peter Wright, of Stannington—of his five children are as given in the *Record*, p. 3, where, however, “Frances” is a misprint for “Francis.”

† In 1874 the Editor was a lad serving a business apprenticeship in Liverpool, with Messrs. Geo. Holt & Co. Temporary indisposition confined him to his lonely lodgings for a week ; on one of those days he was visited and cheered by three ladies in succession—Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Alfred Higginson (Ellen Martineau), and Miss Ellen Yates, of the Dingle. In the following January he was one of the mourning company at the Necropolis, when the Rev. Charles Wicksteed committed to mother earth all that could die of Mrs. Ames, the image of whose face, and the remembrance of whose kindnesses, are treasured memories still to him who pens these lines.

If possible, a transcript of these interesting registers should be made by the congregation before the celebration of the bicentenary of the chapel building.

G.E.E.

London : Carter Lane Chapel.

Few registers excel in interest that of this congregation—now located at Unity Church, Islington. The first of the two volumes begins on the 1st January, 1711, when the Rev. Dr. Wright makes this entry :—

1708, 1709, 1710, The Register lost when Sacheverel's mob tore down the meeting-place. Baptized a young woman in ye Vestry of ye meeting place, her name Sarah Smithyman. Since married to one Mr. Sworder.

This “meeting-place” was in Meeting-house Court, Blackfriars, where the congregation remained until the opening of Carter Lane Chapel, on the 5th December, 1734.

Here are a few of the more interesting baptismal entries :—

16 Aug. 1717. Mr. Peel's child bap. in my absence by Mr. Briel, a French minister.

- 9 July, 1722. Bap. Mr. Hawkins, an Attorney at Upton, in Worcestershire, at the vestry of the meeting-place in Black Fryars, his name, Ebenezer.
- 17 May, 1724. Bap. Mr. Gardner's apprentice publickly, he having been brought up among the Quakers, his name Thomas, his surname Fucke.
- 7 June, 1725. Bap. a whole family, viz.: Mrs. Elizabeth Cullier, at the 'flower-de-luce'—in Newgate Street; Ann Cullier, her dau. married to Mr. Thomson in ye country; Sarah Cullier, and Mary Cullier, that both live with their mother.
- 8 Sept 1728. Bap. several children at St. Albans, in Hartfordshire publickly, viz. the child of Mr. Clark, Dissenting min. there, named Samuel: the child of Mr. Jabez Hiron, named Jabez.
- 25 Oct. 1732. Mary, dau. John Cay Esq. bap. in his chambers in Gray's Inn.*

At the end is preserved a most valuable and interesting relic, being:—

A Register of such as have joyn'd themselves in Communion with that part of ye Church of Christ,

* This register has references to many lawyers, Counsels, Serjeants, &c.

which is under ye care and ministry of Mr. Samuel Wright, in Black Fryars, from the time of his being chosen Pastor there, and ordained, 15 April, 1708.

First comes a list of 37 names, then this ominous entry:—

This list: ye remaining part taken away by Sacheverell's mob, 1709. The following persons were communicants before.

The following extracts from "This list" are of more especial interest, and give us glimpses of many men whose names are met with in the ranks of nonconformity.

March, 1715. Mrs. Jane Phillips, recommended by Dr. Gyles, of Salop: occasional communicants Mr. Huson, of Tenterden in Kent.

The Rev. John Gyles, M.D., was eldest son of the Rev. John Gyles, silenced in 1662; and was minister of the High Street congregation, Shrewsbury, from 1708 until his death on the 23rd March, 1730.

Oct. 1715. Mr. Cornelius Hancock, a student from Glasgow: fixed now a min. in Hampshire.

He was minister at Odiham, Hants, 1715—1721; Fareham, 1723—1725; Ashford, 1725—1728; Beaconsfield, 1728; Uxbridge, 1728—1741; and Tenterden, 1745 till

death on the 17th May, 1774; buried in Tenterden Church-yard, register entry being:—

1774, May 24th, The Rev. Cornelius Hancock, widower, 84.

Here is reference to two ministers, of whom particulars were given in *Antiquarian Notes*, vol. ii., p. 81:—

Nov. 1716. Occasional, Mr. Obad. Hughes (son to Mr. Hughes of Canterbury), a young minister.

Amongst the communicants in 1717 we find:—

Sept 1717. Occasional, The Countess of Anglesea.

Dec. 1717. Mrs. Bushel, formerly housekeeper to Mr. Baxter.

(To be continued.)

Register of the Octagon Chapel, Liverpool, 1762—1780.

(Continued from p. 24).

1764.

John Dobson, s. John and Mary Dobson,

b. 16 August, bap. by

Nicholas Clayton.

witness, John Dobson.

1764.

Charlotte Clegg, d. James and Sarah Clegg,

b. 21 August, bap. on 16 September by

Nicholas Clayton.

witness, James Clegg.

1764.

Susannah Inman, d. Robert and Mary Inman,

b. 3 September, hap. 24 September by

H. Kirkpatrick.

witness, Robart Inman.

1765.

Robert Taylor, s. Thomas and Elizabeth Taylor,

b. 31 January, baptized by

H. Kirkpatrick.

witness, Thomas Taylor

his + mark.

1765.

Richard Scarr, s. Richard and Catharine Scarr,

b. 27 January, bap. 14 February by

Nicholas Clayton.

witness, Catherine Scarr,

her + mark.

1765.

Elizabeth Cropper, d. Thomas and Sarah Cropper,

b. 29 March, bap. 29 April, by

Nicholas Clayton.

1765.

Mary Hodgson, d. Thomas and Mary Hodgson,
 b. 28 July, bap. on 8 August, by
 Nicholas Clayton.
 witness, Martha Mather.

1765.

Ann Green, d. Samuel and Dorothy Green,
 b. 3 September, bap. 25 September by
 H. Kirkpatrick.
 witness, Sam^l Green.

1765.

Thomas Dobson, s. John and Mary Dobson,
 b. 10 October, bap. 12 October by
 H. Kirkpatrick.
 witness, Joshua Dobson.

1766.

Frances Cropper, d. Thomas and Sarah Cropper,
 b. 20 March, bap. 11 April by
 H. Kirkpatrick.
 witness, Thomas Cropper.

1766.

Dawson Dobson, s. Matthew and Susannah Dobson,
 b. 22 March, bap. 13th day of April, by
 Nicholas Clayton.
 witness, Matthew Dobson.

(To be continued).

